

Hello Early Primary Families!

I hope you all have been enjoying a wonderful summer and have some fun planned for these last few weeks. For those of you who might not know, our Early Primary group will have 2 classroom teachers in the morning each day.

My name is Genevieve, and I became a part of the North Branch family as a student when I was 9 years old. After graduating in 2001 I went on to Nelson County High School and then continued my education at Virginia Commonwealth University in Richmond. There, I received a Bachelor of Interdisciplinary Studies and graduated with a Masters in Teaching. I was thrilled to start my first year of teaching back at North Branch and taught the Juniors class for 2 years before moving to Early Primary. I am very excited to start my eighth year teaching Early Primary, and this will be my second year teaching with my daughter, Penelope. She very much loved getting to know our group last year and I think this year will be even more engaging and fun!

Hi! My name is Laura, and I am so excited to get this year started with Genevieve and your kiddos. I would like to share a little bit about myself so that you know who your two teachers are! This year marks my 13th year in education. I began as a Program Specialist and Enrichment Science teacher at Ivy Creek School in Charlottesville. During that time I was pursuing my degree at James Madison University, and ultimately ended up finishing my BA at Goddard College in Vermont in Art Therapy & Youth Services. I then received my Masters in Education from the same college in Early Ed exactly 8 years later. During that time I had moved on from ICS and became a Living Earth School instructor during COVID, and then joined the administrative team at St. Anne's Belfield. While working there I had my daughter, Aubree, who is now 2 years old. I'll be entering my third year with North Branch School with her at my side some days. It has been an honor to be welcomed and now rooted in this community. I can't wait to get to know your kiddos and begin stacking the foundational blocks you have built at home, together.

We are both so looking forward to seeing you all soon and the school year ahead!

School supplies

please provide each of the following items for your child:

- Inside shoes - (slippers) comfortable, easy off and on, closed toe and will stay on feet! (Crocs are a great option)
- Spare change of clothes in a plastic bag (ziplock/grocery) to stay at school (including undergarments)
- Lunchbox/bag
- Water bottle with closed spout - to go home and come back each day
- Backpack for items to go home daily
- Crayola Twistable Crayons -the longer length (Please label EACH crayon with your child's name)

The following is a list for general classroom use. We will use these items throughout the year. You may bring in one, some, all, or none of these items... Whatever works for your family!

- Glue sticks and/or bottles
- Any/all size zipper storage bags (off brand is fine)
- Markers - thin or thick
- Construction paper 8 ½ x 11
- 13 gallon trash bags
- Dry erase markers
- Big pink erasers